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Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS)

COASTAL SUBGROUP MEETING

December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference

Roll Call:

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| BBRS Richard Crowley, Group Chair | √ present 0 absent | HBRA John Bologna | √ present 0 absent |
| CZM Lisa Berry Engler | √ present 0 absent | PJM David Macartney | √ present 0 absent |
| CZM Rebecca Haney | √ present 0 absent | Steve Mague | 0 present √ absent |
| DCR Joy Duperault | √ present 0 absent | AIA Andrew Kollar | √ present 0 absent |
| DCR Eric Carlson | √ present 0 absent | SEMBOA Mike Clancy | 0 present √ absent |
| DEP Lealdon Langley | √ present 0 absent | NAIOP Katie T. Moniz | √ present 0 absent |
| Construction Rep. | 0 present √ absent | NAIOP Jamie M. Fay | √ present 0 absent |
| FEMA Coastal Engineer John Grace | 0 present √ absent | ISD Jim Kennedy | √ present 0 absent |

General notes on format of these minutes

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Agenda topics as numbered may not be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as **EXHIBIT A**; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

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1. **Roll call.** Chairman Crowley opened the meeting about 1:03 pm with roll call.
 2. **Vote/Discuss Draft Meeting Minutes February 27, 2020.** On a **MOTION** by John Bologna, 2nd by Lealdon Langley, it was unanimous vote approving the February 27, 2020 draft meeting minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT B**). Jim Kennedy did not respond due to a technical issue he was having.
 3. **Discuss** Lisa Engler's Coastal Sub-group Suggested Findings document. The Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Lisa E_Anrew K 3-16-20_Working Draft document was displayed (**EXHIBIT C**). It was decided to update the document by accepting all the changes. Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Lisa E_Anrew K 12-16-20_Working Draft (**EXHIBIT D**).

The group had a general discussion about the working draft document. The document was altered to accept all the changes offered during the February 27, 2020 meeting. Working from the beginning of the document, the group discussed the Findings portion. Some suggested it should start with a statement of findings and then lead to recommendations. The ending should include an evaluative summary.



John Bologna talked about the first paragraph should offer a preamble. It should include ASCE 24 because it is the building code, and the opening paragraph should explain why the BBRS did not adopt the Coastal A Zone in the 9th edition. Rebecca Haney expressed interest in stating that the 2015 I-Codes include Coastal A Zone requirements; however, the BBRS amended-out those sections because the A-Zone was not on the maps.

The group decided to move number two under the FEMA heading on page 1 to number three under the Coastal A Zone heading. The group discussed striking "insurance" and inserting "assistance, FEMA requires that" in the first line of number four and insert a footnote to explain FEMA's program. Joy Duperrault volunteered to provide the footnote language.

Chairman Crowley spoke about the state building code is a minimum standard, and folks can choose to construct to a higher standard. The BBRS has a charge to adopt a building code with minimum requirements. If FEMA publishes a more stringent standard, folks can choose to conform to those standards; the state building code does not prevent that from happening.

Lealdon Langley talked thinks the FEMA requirements require projects to conform to the I-Codes.

John Bologna suggested making the portion of number item number three that talks about individual property owner can submit more accurate information... and make the balance of the paragraph a separate numbered paragraph. This action advanced all the numbered paragraphs by one number.

The group discussed the paragraph, starting with "The NFIP Community Rating System. Some wanted to strike the section because the state building code is the same for all communities in Massachusetts. Others believe most of the information in the paragraph provides facts. Joy Duperrault offered to redraft the paragraph and give more details about the CRS program. Andrew Kollar thinks the redraft should include that participation in the CRS does not create a building code.

4. **Adjourn.** On a **MOTION** by John Bologna, seconded by Andrew Kollar, it was unanimous to adjourn about 3:10 pm. Roll call, Richard Crowley, Lisa Engler, Rebecca Haney, Joy Duperrault, Eric Carlson, John Bologna, David Macartney, Andrew Kollar, Jamie Fay, and Jim Kennedy all responded in the affirmative. Lealdon Langley and Katie Moniz left the meeting at about 3 pm. The group discussed meeting next on January 6, 2021.

Exhibits

- A. Meeting agenda.
- B. Meeting minutes, February 27, 2020.
- C. Blended Doc. A. Kollar Findings of Fact in 2/12/2020 Email L. Engler's Coastal Sub-group Suggested Findings.
- D. Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Lisa E_Anrew K 12-16-20_Working Draft